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ATOMS OF INFORMATION ABOUT PERSONS AND THINGS.

Current Events of the Week Systematically Collected From Day to Day in the Briefest Form and Reserved For This Column.

TUESDAY.

Fire destroyed the business portion of the town of Spooner, Wis.

Walter R. White, assistant cashier of the defunct McCoy (Ind.) bank, arrested at Rushwood, Ill.

Marcus Greenately, convicted of jury bribing in connection with the murder trial of Pisciotta, the Italian, at Cleveland, O., sentenced to three years' imprisonment.

E. A. Eversing, 30, editor of the Cape May Wave, drowned in the ocean at Cape May. He got beyond his depth and while trying to swim in was taken with cramps.

Albert Koopling, who murdered John Martine in Port Jarvis, N. Y., and Oscar Bergstrom, who killed his wife in Mount Kisco, N. Y., both put to death in the electric chair at Sing Sing.

Premier of New South Wales, Sir John See, resigned to retire from public life. Thomas Waddell, the colonial treasurer, will form a new cabinet.

MONDAY.

Leading London hotels refuse to entertain John A. Dowle, Zion City's alleged prophet.

Four persons, including City Engineer Guy Millmore, killed at Chicago by an explosion of sewer gas.

Will K. Shavely, 45, chief deputy United States Marshal for Indiana, dropped dead at his home in Wabash, Ind.

A. C. Jenkins, living near Norton, Kan., while beating his wife, was shot dead by his 11-year-old daughter. Jenkins was insane.

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President Roosevelt announced the appointment of William E. Cochran, now chief postoffice inspector, to be purchasing agent of the postoffice department.

Miss Kate Sowers, 22, shot and killed Nelson Prowse, her brother-in-law and a printer, at Austin, Tex. (She said she killed Prowse to protect her sister's life.)

SATURDAY.

Mob hunting Perry Sumner, 55, a rural mail carrier, charged with assaulting an 8-year-old girl near Fowler, Ind.

John V. Clarke, 45, of White Plains, N. Y., contractor and builder of waterworks all over the country, died after a brief illness.

Governor Pennypacker appointed Philander C. Knox successor to the late United States Senator Quay for the term ending March 4, 1905.

Fire at Warrensburg, Mo., destroyed Clark's lumber yard and three frame buildings occupying a block of land in the business district. Loss \$150,000.

Miss Lena Morton, 27, daughter of former Vice President Levi P. Morton of New York, died at Paris of blood poisoning following an operation for appendicitis.

Frantic with fear at a fire in a six-story tenement, New York, Mrs. Benjamin Apfel threw her only child, a babe of four months, from a window to death on the pavement below.

FRIDAY.

Four inches of snow fell at Leadville, Colo.

Cardinal Saffell arrived at New York from Rome.

Mrs. Hannah Elson, the New York progress, held in \$30,000 bail on a charge of extortion.

Charles L. Tucker was indicted by the Middlesex county (Mass.) grand jury for the murder of Mabel Page.

Fire at Troy, N. Y., destroyed the Rousselle Polytechnic institute main building. Loss will exceed \$200,000.

Start V. Vowell, a Confederate veteran, hanged at Paraguari, Ark., for murder of W. F. Lovejoy, Ark. 19, 1903.

Levi Z. Letter, 70, of Chicago, died of heart failure at the Vanderbilt cottage at Har Harbor, Me. Was a retired merchant prince.

In a wreck in the Big Four yards at Cairo, Ill., Engineer George Gilson and Fireman John Brewster perished. A switch engine and two cars were demolished.

THURSDAY.

Mob at Maunee, Ill., threatened John Robinson, who killed his wife and brother-in-law and attempted his own life.

At Philadelphia, May Richardson stabbed her sister-in-law, Mary Richardson, inflicting a fatal wound. Jealousy.

Thomas Sharkey, the pugilist, married Miss Catherine Melutosh, a professional nurse, who attended him during a recent illness.

Returns from the Florida Democratic primary assure the nomination of James P. Tallaferra to succeed himself as United States senator.

WEDNESDAY.

Norwegian steamer Aegle, coal-laden, seized at Nagasaki by Japanese.

Dudley Stracker crushed to death at Marietta, O., in an elevator accident.

Delaware state Democratic convention endorsed Judge Gray for the presidential nomination.

Domitio J. Murphy, commissioner of pensions under Cleveland, elected by the Panama canal commissioners as secretary of that body.

Stray bullet struck Miss Carrie Tomlin at Columbus, O., inflicting a serious hip wound. Missile believed to have come from a saloon.

CORONER'S VERDICT.

Western Federation Held Responsible For Dynamite Outrage.

Victor, Colo., June 11.—The coroner's jury that investigated the death of the union miners at Independence rendered the following verdict: "We find that the explosive was exploded by an internal machine, purposely and artfully set and discharged by some person to the jury unknown, for the purpose of willfully, maliciously and feloniously killing and murdering said persons and others; that said crime is one of similar crimes designed and committed in the Cripple Creek district during the past few months and perpetrated for the purpose of intimidating nonunion miners and thereby preventing them from working, and said crimes are the result of a conspiracy entered into by certain members of the Western Federation of Miners, and known, incited and furthered by certain officers of that organization."

To Try Co-Operative Plan.

Denver, Colo., June 13.—A new mining camp will be opened in New Mexico, according to the Post, to receive the deported union miners from Cripple Creek. The Western Federation of Miners will work the claims on a co-operative basis and will have entire jurisdiction over their development. Provision will be made by the federation for all deported miners, and to this end a carload of supplies will be sent to the new camp immediately as a starter. The camp will be located near Tres Piedras, which is 20 miles south of the Colorado line, on the line of the Denver & Rio Grande. There is a district of 10 miles square of virgin ore, and the work of mining will be parcelled out to the union miners. They will work on the co-operative plan, but the miners will be supported by the federation while prospecting.

Charged With Murder.

Denver, Colo., June 14.—C. G. Kennison, president of Miners' Union No. 40 of Cripple Creek, was arrested by City Marshal Moore of Goldfield as he was going to the headquarters of the deported miners in this city. The charge against him is murder, for alleged participation in the blowing up of the Independence depot with dynamite. Kennison did not resist arrest, but after his arrest he got into an altercation with Moore, and the marshal struck him prisoner on the head with a gun, making a scalp wound. Kennison declared that he knew nothing about the explosion. The sheriff's office here has a number of warrants for other men who are wanted at Cripple Creek.

Fatal Gas Explosion.

Bradford, Pa., June 14.—In a natural gas explosion one man was killed and another fatally injured, the house of R. L. Shocks was wrecked and property valued at \$21,000 was destroyed. Several persons had narrow escapes from death. The dead man is E. Lawrence, instantly killed, body charred beyond recognition. Levant S. Nutting had the upper part of his body crushed and arms broken, and can not live. Lawrence and Nutting, both carpenters, had been employed to repair the interior of the Shocks house. One was under the building, and it is supposed that he accidentally broke the gas pipe connection. A volume of gas accumulated and, becoming ignited, exploded.

Ill Health Prompted the Deed.

Cleveland, O., June 11.—William C. Stahl, 50, for 23 years secretary of the Union club of this city, committed suicide by shooting himself through the head. Prior to firing the bullet that ended his life Stahl closed all the windows and doors in his Union club is the leading organization of his kind in the city and through his connection with Stahl was widely known. Ill health doubtless led to the suicide.

Prefers the Prison.

Hartford, Conn., June 13.—Antonio Sperano, a life prisoner at the state penitentiary, who on Monday last was granted a conditional release by the board of pardons, has declined to accept the release. When informed of the condition of his release, which was that he should return to Italy, he became very much excited and said: "I can not go back to Italy and work for 15 cents a day. I would rather stay in prison. He will probably return to Italy."

Suspect Resisted Arrest.

Portsmouth, O., June 11.—Police here arrested a man who gave his name as George Smith, and upon whose person was found \$200 in cash and a certificate of deposit on the National bank of Utica, N. Y., for \$300 in the name of Andrew Smith. The authorities are of the opinion that the man is connected with the recent postoffice robbery and safe-blowing in this county. The man resisted arrest.

Miners Locked Out.

Wheeling, W. Va., June 13.—An ugly situation exists at Barton, a mining town west of Bridgeport, where 500 miners employed by the Youghiogheny and Ohio Coal company are refused work because they will not permit the company to discharge their mine completely.

Kentucky Drummer Suicides.

Chicago, June 14.—T. H. Dickinson, a traveling salesman of Lexington, Ky., committed suicide by drinking prussic acid at the Victoria hotel. Domestic troubles are said to have been the reason for Dickinson ending his life.

Governor Held by Rebels.

Buenos Ayres, June 14.—An insurance broker has broken out in the province of San Luis and the governor has been imprisoned.

BUNCHED PARAGRAPHS

RELATING TO AFFAIRS IN THIS AND ADJOINING STATES.

Work of the Kentucky Democratic Convention—Confederate Veterans' Reunion—Family Cremated—Miscellaneous Matters.

Louisville, Ky., June 9.—The Democratic state convention elected Governor Beckham, United States Senators Blackburn and McCreary and Congressman Ollie M. James as the big four and Lewis McQuown as state chairman. But few changes were made in the present party laws. A resolution introduced to instruct the delegates for Parker was overwhelmingly defeated. The Beckham forces had entire control of the convention. The platform adopted urges revision of the tariff in a conservative spirit; favors regulation of combines; urges a rigid investigation of postal affairs; condemns the system of taxation maintained by the federal administration; denounces the course of Governor Durbin of Indiana in refusing to surrender W. S. Taylor and Charles Finley, upon requisition from the Kentucky executive. The delegates to the St. Louis convention go unincorporated. The unit rule will prevail.

Confederate Reunion.

Nashville, Tenn., June 13.—What will probably be the last general reunion ever held by the survivors of the Army of the Confederate States of America will begin in this city Tuesday and last three days. Fifteen thousand dollars has been raised for entertainment. Six thousand veterans have been placed in the homes of Nashville, and the remainder are to be banded in the public school and other large buildings. The United Confederate Veterans were organized in New Orleans in June, 1889, and there are camps and bivouacs all over the south and in many northern cities. The membership runs up into the thousands, but is gradually decreasing because of death. There are two auxiliary organizations, the United Daughters of the Confederacy, with a membership of 30,000, about the largest women's organization in the world, and the Sons of Veterans, with about 450 camps and a membership of over 100,000.

Kentucky Turfman's Enterprise.

Lexington, Ky., June 13.—It was announced that J. B. Hagala, the millionaire turfman, will soon complete a private electric track from the front gate of the Elmendorf farm to his residence. Arrangements have been completed to connect it with the Paris and Lexington interurban line. Hagala can then step to his private car in New York and not leave the car until he steps out on his front porch. The interurban electric line connects with railroads. He will use the private track also for hauling coal and other freight.

Whipping Post Revived.

Lexington, Ky., June 14.—Police Judge John J. Riley revived the old whipping post regime when he sentenced Simon Searce, a 15-year-old negro, to be whipped on the public square. The court decreed that the boy's mother take the negro to the public square and give him 20 lashes with a buggy whip. The mother, in the presence of a large crowd, administered the punishment as directed. This is the first time such an incident has been witnessed in Kentucky since the Civil war.

To Consider Tax Reform.

Charleston, W. Va., June 10.—It is stated upon authority that Governor White in a few days will convene the legislature in extraordinary session to consider tax reform. The exact date has not been fixed, but probably it will be either June 22 or June 29. It is predicted that the session will be short, the intention being to conclude the labor and adjourn before the Republican convention, which meets July 12.

Accidents on the Rail.

Charleston, W. Va., June 13.—Near Glen Jean, on the Loop Creek railroad, Charles Steptel lay on the track in a drunken stupor and was killed by a passing freight train. Two young men, Clyde Babanks and John Shook, were struck by a Kanawha and Michigan street car train and killed instantly. They were 15 miles north of this city. They had been drinking heavily and were lying on the track.

Steamer Sunk in Collision.

Montreal, June 13.—The Richelieu and Ontario Navigation company's steamer Canada, bound from Quebec for Montreal, came into collision with the Dominion Coal company's collier Cape Breton, six miles below Sorel. Twenty minutes later the Canada went to the bottom. At the time of the collision there were 110 people on board the Canada. Five were lost, others were rescued. Those who perished were: Alfred Thibault, agent of the company at Quebec, and his two sons, aged 12 and 15; Purser Bonnet of the Canada. A man named Brunet of Sorel is missing, and it is supposed that he perished.

Trolley Accident.

St. Louis, Mo., June 10.—Twenty-seven people, including several prominent Iowa politicians and a number of old soldiers, were injured in an accident on the Mason City and Clay Lake electric line, as they were returning to Mason City from the last camp fire of the state Grand Army encampment. A trailer on a heavily loaded train jumped the track while going at a high rate of speed and turned completely over. Fortunately a culvert kept the car from falling upon the passengers, who had been thrown from the windows, which was all that prevented loss of life.

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Indiana Bank Failure.

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Islands in Philippines.

Washington, June 11.—According to a bulletin issued by the census bureau in connection with the Philippine census there are 20 volcanic cones in the Philippine archipelago, of which 12 are active. The islands total 3,441.

FIREMEN OVERCOME

By Tobacco Smoke and Alcohol While Fighting a Fire in the Holtz Cafe, in Broadway.

New York, June 13.—Thirty firemen were temporarily overcome by tobacco smoke and the fumes from alcohol while fighting a fire in the Holtz cafe, in Broadway. The fire was confined to the sub-bellar, in which the liquors and cigars were stored, and the fumes and the dense smoke from the burning cigars hindered the firemen to such an extent that they were compelled to work in two-minute relays. During the fire an ambulance surgeon was stationed near by to care for the firemen, whose eyes caused them intense pain after each rush into the smoke. The damage to the restaurant was \$100,000. The upper floors of the building are occupied by wholesale milliners, and the loss on their stock, which was practically ruined by the smoke, is also placed at \$100,000.

Pneumonia Contagious.

Atlantic City, N. J., June 10.—Pneumonia, which, in the words of Dr. Edward F. Wells of Chicago, "is a new menace to civilization," is the subject of much earnest discussion by the members of the American Medical association. At the session of the section of hygiene and sanitary science the disease was dealt with in a paper read by Dr. Wells, who stated that it was virulently communicable. He recommended the use of moistened cloths before the face and nose when sneezing and coughing. He stated that the pneumonia germs were present in the throat and nose of many persons and that it may be communicated by coughing or sneezing. Dr. Wells claimed that alcoholism invited the disease.

Condition of Wheat.

Washington, June 11.—Preliminary returns to the chief of the bureau of statistics of the department of agriculture on the acreage of spring wheat show a decrease of 116,100 acres, or seven-tenths of one per cent, from the revised estimate of the acreage sown last year. The average condition of spring wheat on June 1 was 93.4, as compared with 95.9 at the corresponding date last year, 95.4 on June 1, 1902, and a 10-year average of 93.8. The average condition of winter wheat on May 1, 1904, 82.2 on June 1, 1903; 76.1 at the corresponding date in 1902, and a 10-year average of 79.8.

Counterfeiters Caught.

New York, June 11.—Through a small boy telling a patrolman that he "knew where he could get money for nothing," as he saw men making it, the police assert that they caught two men in the act of making counterfeit coins. At the same time they claim to have captured one of the most complete outfits for counterfeiting found in a long time. It included a stamp press capable of making 600 coins an hour, a portable forge, engravers' carpen-ters' and blacksmiths' tools, a safe thought to be filled with coins and a large quantity of horse counterfeits fractional silver and nickels. The prisoners gave their names as Antonio Vomte and Giuseppe Rizzo.

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WALKED INTO A TRAP

Two Jap Battalions Quickly Wiped Out.

RUSSIANS CONCEALED IN A RAVINE

Naval Battle Reported at Port Arthur, in Which the Japanese Are Said to Have Lost Four Warships and the Muscovites Two—General Kuropatkin Given a Free Hand.

St. Petersburg, June 13.—A dispatch from Hui Cheng, Manchuria, says: A flank movement of the Japanese around the Russian left from Feng Wang Cheng June 9 was repulsed with a loss of two whole battalions. A large Japanese force moved out in the morning of the 11th along the Feng Wang Cheng and Hai Cheng road. The Russians had a force strongly posted in a ravine 30 miles southwest of Hai Cheng. The Japanese were preceded by two battalions, who walked into the Russian ambush. They received a murderous rifle and artillery fire at close range and were wiped out, only one or two escaping. The main Japanese force, which was greatly superior to the Russian force, tried to outflank the Russians, who drew off without losing a man. The Japanese, closing in, found the ravine vacant save for their own dead.

Rumors are in circulation here that a great naval battle has taken place off Port Arthur in which two Russian and four Japanese battleships were sunk. No confirmation of the rumor can be obtained. Relief is felt in military circles at the removal of dissonance in military councils. It is understood that the role responsibility devolves upon General Kuropatkin and that no serious attempt will be made to relieve Port Arthur.

Russians Reported Ambushed.

St. Petersburg, June 14.—No information reached the general staff regarding the reported ambushing of Russians at Pulanien, as the result of which they were alleged to have lost 800 men. The only thing of the least significance in this connection is the short dispatch received from Major General Karkovitch, which was sent on June 12, the day the battle is said to have occurred. General Karkovitch does not mention the Pulanien fight, of which the authorities presume he would have heard had it occurred. His dispatch only covered events up to the preceding day.

Port Arthur Again Corked.

Chefoo, June 14.—Admiral Togo, it is reported, has again blocked the Port Arthur channel. Fire ships were sent in, under the convoy of the torpedo boat flotilla, and at least three were sunk in the channel in such position that the heavier Russian warships can not possibly get out. To make assurance doubly sure, the torpedo boats planted a large number of mines. The work was done under a heavy fire from the forts, which did not, however, inflict any serious damage on the Japanese.

Russian Losses in the War.

St. Petersburg, June 14.—The following official statement of Russian losses in the war has been issued: Navy, 41 officers and 920 men killed, 13 officers and 229 men wounded. Army, 26 officers and 569 men killed, 107 officers and 2,680 men wounded. Taken prisoners, 20 officers and 699 men.

Stakelberg Stopped.

Shanghai, June 9.—General Stakelberg's Russian brigade marching in the direction of Port Arthur suffered a severe reverse on Saturday near Wafangdier, and retired to Tashichiao.

Tyner's Appeal.

Washington, June 14.—James N. Tyner, who was removed from office as assistant attorney general for the postoffice department during the investigation of the department, and who recently was tried and acquitted by a jury, has addressed a letter appealing to President Roosevelt "as his chief accuser," to right the wrong which he claims was unwittingly done by the strength of certain charges contained in a report by Mr. Tyner, the fourth assistant postoffice general, the president gave to the effect that "gross corruption in the case of Assistant Attorney General Tyner had gone on for a number of years," and referring to him as "the chief offender."

Big Mining Merger.

New York, June 13.—The World says that announcement will soon be made of a combination of mining interests of America with John D. Rockefeller at its head. The capital of the merged companies, it is said, will be \$250,000,000, and the purpose is to control the mineral output of the United States, with the possible exception of the Calumet and Hecla copper mines in Michigan. Senator Clark's United Verde and Montana properties and those of F. Augustus Heinze in Montana are said to be included, as also are the principal mining companies of Colorado, Utah and California.

Senator Cockrell Better.

Washington, June 13.—Senator Cockrell of Missouri, who was painfully injured by being knocked down by a boy with a bicycle, is considerably better. The wound in the shoulder is painful, but it is thought will yield readily to treatment. The senator is of robust physical condition, and fortunately suffered no shock to his nervous system as a result of the accident.

ASSAULT THE GUARD.

Condemned Men Attempt to Escape From Penitentiary Annex.

Columbus, O., June 14.—At one o'clock this morning four murderers confined in the penitentiary annex awaiting electrocution made a desperate attempt to escape. They made a vicious attack on Subguard S. E. Richards of Williams county, felling him with their fists, but unable to secure the key to the annex door, the convicts were balked in their purpose. Guard Richards, who was unarmed, made such an outcry that guards in an adjoining hall were attracted and they came to his rescue. The convicts were soon overpowered and locked up in their cells.

The men in the plot to escape were: Moses Johnson of Scioto county, Philip Nagle of Wyandot county, Lewis Harmon of Franklin county and Ben Wade of Lucas county. Guard Richards was badly beaten but no serious results are feared.

Knox Named Senator.

Philadelphia, June 10.—Philander C. Knox of Pittsburgh, attorney general of the United States, who was selected to fill the seat in United States senate made vacant by the death of Matthew Stanley Quay, will accept and serve by appointment of Governor Pennypacker until March 4, the date of the expiration of the late senator's commission. Unless political complications should arise as a result of the action, he will be elected for the full term by the legislature, which meets in January. It is expected that Attorney General Knox will remain in the cabinet until December. The selection of Attorney General Knox came as a surprise to the politicians of the state. A dispatch from Washington reports that the president is greatly pleased that Mr. Knox will accept the position.

Important Discovery.

Rome, June 14.—Signor Giacomo Boni, the archaeologist, who is directing the excavations of the Forum, has found a heavy capstan with eight levers of wood. The wood is perfectly preserved, while the iron fixtures have become oxidized. The discovery is considered of the greatest importance as being the first known mechanical contrivance dating back 2,000 years. The capstan, which was found almost intact, has a diameter of over two yards.

Jewel Thief Sentenced.

Chicago, June 14.—Pleading guilty to the charge of robbery, Stephen Herbert, the brother who stole \$16,000 worth of diamonds and other jewelry from his employer, John W. Kiser, and who was arrested in Providence, R. I., while attempting to dispose of booty, was given an indeterminate sentence to the penitentiary.

Jeffries-Munroe Fight Postponed.

San Francisco, June 14.—Owing to the injury to Jeffries' knee the Jeffries-Munroe fight will be postponed. Delaney wired from Harbin Springs that the champion would not be ready until June 24. Manager Coffroth of the Yosemite club announced that the fight would take place June 30.

MARKET REPORTS.

Cattle and Stock Prices For June 13.

Choice beef, 200 lbs. and up, \$3.35; good beef, 120 to 140 lbs., \$3.25; good beef, 140 to 160 lbs., \$3.15; good beef, 160 to 180 lbs., \$3.05; good beef, 180 to 200 lbs., \$2.95; good beef, 200 to 220 lbs., \$2.85; good beef, 220 to 240 lbs., \$2.75; good beef, 240 to 260 lbs., \$2.65; good beef, 260 to 280 lbs., \$2.55; good beef, 280 to 300 lbs., \$2.45; good beef, 300 to 320 lbs., \$2.35; good beef, 320 to 340 lbs., \$2.25; good beef, 340 to 360 lbs., \$2.15; good beef, 360 to 380 lbs., \$2.05; good beef, 380 to 400 lbs., \$1.95; good beef, 400 to 420 lbs., \$1.85; good beef, 420 to 440 lbs., \$1.75; good beef, 440 to 460 lbs., \$1.65; good beef, 460 to 480 lbs., \$1.55; good beef, 480 to 500 lbs., \$1.45; good beef, 500 to 520 lbs., \$1.35; good beef, 520 to 540 lbs., \$1.25; good beef, 540 to 560 lbs., \$1.15; good beef, 560 to 580 lbs., \$1.05; good beef, 580 to 600 lbs., \$0.95; good beef, 600 to 620 lbs., \$0.85; good beef, 620 to 640 lbs., \$0.75; good beef, 640 to 660 lbs., \$0.65; good beef, 660 to 680 lbs., \$0.55; good beef, 680 to 700 lbs., \$0.45; good beef, 700 to 720 lbs., \$0.35; good beef, 720 to 740 lbs., \$0.25; good beef, 740 to 760 lbs., \$0.15; good beef, 760 to 780 lbs., \$0.05; good beef, 780 to 800 lbs., \$0.00.

Chicago—Cattle.